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MEMORANDUM

8 November 1948

TO: The Director, CIA

FROM: Assistant Director for Special Operations

SUBJ: Formalizing Wash Cable 8566

1. Your attention is called to the attached memorandum to the Director, CIA, from the Assistant Director for Special Operations, subject, Formalizing WASH Cable 8566, dated 27 October 1948. This memorandum was written for the purpose of obtaining your formal authorization for the classification of the employees of the Middle East communications network in Group 3 rather than Group 4 for the purpose of establishing quarters allowances, in accordance with Bureau of the Budget Circular A-8.
2. The original authorization which was set forth in Wash Cable 8566 specified specific locations as being eligible for the special classification. These locations were those at which network stations were located at that time. In preparing the memorandum to formalize this cable authorization, it was intended to make proper provision for other locations in the Middle East at which communications installations have since been activated or may be opened in the future. However, the memorandum inadvertently failed to make provision for the new stations or for possible future stations in this area.
3. In reviewing the situation, it is our opinion that the housing and operational conditions under which the communications network personnel live in the Middle East warrant the classification of these employees in Group 3, regardless of the specific location at which they may be stationed. Accordingly, your approval of the general policy that communications personnel of the Middle East network should be classified in Group 3 as technician for purposes of quarters allowances is requested.

4. If you concur with our request, please so indicate in the space provided.

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DIRECTOR